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Mr. Mark Smith (3WP12)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: VPDES Permit No. VA0004162 International Paper-Franklin Mill
Major Permit for review and approval

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding regarding permit and enforcement programs between the State Water Control Board and the Regional Administrator, Region III, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, documentation supporting reissuance of the VPDES permit for the International Paper-Franklin Mill, VPDES Permit No. VA0004162 is being sent to you through VITASHARE. The following documents being sent through VITASHARE for your review are: transmittal letter, draft permit, fact sheet and application. .

This proposed permit issuance is for a major, industrial facility in the Chowan and Dismal Swamp Basin located in Franklin, Virginia. A Natural Conditions assessment was completed to confirm the DO impairments are due to natural conditions and therefore the development of a TMDL is not required. (Blackwater Dissolved Oxygen Assessment for Blackwater Swamp Waters: Approved 04/08/2010.

If EPA does not comment or object within 30 days of receipt of this notification, processing of the referenced permit will be deemed acceptable to the Regional Administrator.

Please let us know if you need additional information to complete your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra L. Thompson".

Debra L. Thompson
Environmental Specialist Senior

Enclosures:

Application, Fact Sheet
Draft VPDES Permit

cc: DEQ-TRO File